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NEW GLADIOLUS VARIETIES
Originated and Named by Donald Chandler

GYPSY FIRE, Class 290 (Atom X Twinkles) 1958 Introduction. This most unusual miniature is reddish-brown in color and has the added warmth of a deep mahogany shade on its lower petals. It has a touch of yellow deep in the throat and each rolled back petal is outlined with golden yellow. It opens 5-6 of its 15-18 buds. They are well placed and attached. Grand for arrangements. Gypsy Fire always does well at shows. In 1953 it was best seedling at the Maine Seedling Show. In 1956 it won the American Home Achievement Award at the Vermont Show in Rutland, and was best miniature seedling and best miniature in the same show. In 1957 it was best miniature seedling at the Maine Show in Augusta. It is also valuable in breeding, there being already several fine seedlings from it. Bulbs are always healthy. A 'different' and fine variety. \$1.00 each for any size; 3 for \$2.50. There are not too many large bulbs, but it blooms well from all sizes.

MRS. TOM YAWKEY, Class 460 (Elegy X Open) 1958 Introduction. A bouquet of this variety was presented to Mrs. Yawkey at Fenway Ball Park between double-header games on Maine Day, Sept. 19, 1957. Everett Gration, Recreational Director of the Maine Development Commission, himself a gladiolus hybridizer, helped select this seedling to honor Mrs. Yawkey. This is a showy glad having a wide open floret of a light peach-rose shade with bright yellow center and crinkled edge; opens 7-8; very attractive. \$1.00 each any size; 3 for \$2.50; postpaid.

MADELEINE WALENTA, Class 341 (Starlet X Crinklette) 1957. This creamy throated, soft pink-salmon, shading to a deeper tone on petal edges, has an eye-catching depth of color. Neat placement, ruffled, fluted and crimped edges plus its unusual coloring give it an open faced, jaunty air that makes it the choice of arrangers. Of heavy substance, long lasting, a good grower, it is a garden favorite. Won best basket at the 1956 Rutland, Vermont Show. Named for Mrs. Madeleine J. Walenta, 'First Lady' of the Maine Gladiolus Society.

VIRGINIA JONES, Class 322 (Starlet X Crinklette) 1957. An unusual tangerine shade makes this pert, saucy flower distinctly individual. Its creamy-yellow center softens its overall appearance and yet helps attract. Open-faced, fluted and somewhat ruffled, it has many of the appealing characteristics of its sister seedling, Madeleine Walenta. Well liked by many in the garden, it is also excellent for arrangements. Named for Virginia Jones, of South China, Maine, a sister of Madeleine Walenta. These gladiolus sisters are as similar and yet as different as are the sisters for whom they were named. In the 1957 Maine Show it was first in the single spike open, three spike and container classes.

KENNEBEC, Class 250 (Atom X Open) 1957 Early. A light, bright red, the petals of this miniature are recurved and rolled back to show the beauty of shading in the contrasting dark-red lower petals. Elmer Gove says, 'One of the very best red miniatures I have seen'.

KINEO, Class 280 (Atom X Open) 1957 Early. A plum smoky with lighter throat. Small deeper colored feathering. A smoky miniature that is entirely different.

THE GREEN FLASH, Class 412 (Buton d'Or X Sundance) 1957. Truly green buds open to a clear, golden yellow with a flash of green. Named for a phenomenal flash of green light, known as 'The Green Flash', seen at sea on rare occasions just as the sun disappears below the horizon. Mr. George A. Webster, Glen Falls, New York, says, 'A fine flower and aptly named. May I use it for crossing?'. Allen Karnes, Skowhegan, Maine, says, 'The florists call for the Green Flash. I did not have enough of it'.

The five above are priced at \$.50 each; 10 bulbs any combination \$4.50 postpaid. Please write for prices on larger quantities.

UNBLOOMED SEEDLING BULBS, produce new flowers, each one different from any other. From these, selections are made for varieties which may later get a name. This is the way in which new glads are originated. You may try this, for I am offering bulbs which will bloom for you this year. Of necessity they are small bulbs. \$.25 each or \$20.00 per 100, postpaid.

ANOTHER MIXTURE. the same as above except that they are larger bulbs and have blossomed once. From these perhaps 1% have been selected to grow again. I would prefer to grow all of these again in order to make more selections from them, but do not have the time or space for so many. Bulbs \$.15 each or \$10.00 per 100, postpaid.

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